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An acte for the grant of
three entire Subsidies, and sixe Fifteenes
and Tenthes granted by the Temporalitie.



Most excellent and most Gracious
Souveraigne, the sense and natu-
ral feeling of the singular and in-
estimable benefites which wee
your Maiesties loyal and louing
Subiects, by the rare and parti-
cular prouidence of God, doe en-
ioy vnder your most happy & po-
litique gouernement (dayly mul-
tiplied vnto vs, beyond all exam-
ple of former ages) ought in it
selfe not onely to take from vs
all dulnesse, or improuident se-
curitie, but to increase more and more a vigilant ieaiousie of the
interruption or disturbance of our present state and condition,
wherein we feele so effectually the spirituall benefit of Gods true
Religion planted and possessed amongst vs, the restitution of the
Imperiall Crowne of this Realme to the ancient iurisdiccions
and preheminences, and the happy and inwarde peace so many
yeres continued, and ioyned both with clemencie and iustice at
home, as well in the moderate pressing, or rather in the benigne
remitting of infinite penalties of your Lawes, as in tender and
compassionate relieuing and restraining of all common grievan-
ces and oppressions lighting vpon the people of this lande, which
is become since your Maiesties most happy dayes, both a port
and haue of refuge for distressed states and kingdomes, & a roche
and bulwarke of opposition against the tyrannies and ambitious
attempts of mightie and blurring potentates. This with many
more unspeakable benefites, are such as wee cannot but with all
dutie and deuotion list by our hearts to God and your Maiestie
in all thanksgiuing and acknowledgement, and also prostrate
and cast downe our liues, substance, and seruices, and whatsoe-
uer we haue, to be employed at your royall commandement. But
when we enter into a serious and settled consideration of our pre-
sent standing compared with the extreme fall and ruine threat-
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tered vnto vs by the implacable malice and violent attempts of our mightie enemies, preparing and enterprising to make a bloodie conquest of this your Maiesties noble Realme our native countrey, and vtterly to extinguish our name and nation, or to reduce the same vnder a miserable captiuitie and yoke of forreine seruitude, we doe then finde the Law of nature and necessitie no lesse strong and forcible, then the bonde of thankfulness and duetie to make vs thinke all too little that wee can yeelde and offer for our defence and preservation. And lastly, when we doe behold the rare and wonderfull felicitie wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse from time to time your Maiesties most prudent and prouident Counsels, and the executions of them in the breaking, disappointing, and diuerting of so many hostile attempts which haue bene still intended and offered against this Realme: And when wee doe fall into the particular examination howe infinitely your Maiesties proper treasures haue bene exhausted, since wee had any opportunitie in this sort to yeelde your Maiestie any actuall demonstration of our zeales and duties, not onely by your Maiesties maintenance of extraordinary armies in Ireland, to suppress that vnnaturall rebellion sedde by the King of Spaine, & by continuance of assistance to the French King and the Low countries, but also by setting forth both royally and prouidently at sundry times your Maiesties Hauie and armie to the Seas, euen in the times when all things were at highest prices, by which your Maiesties royall care and charge all such miseries as are inseparable from all forreine inuasions, haue bene deferred and diuerted from vs your louing Subjects, and with no small terrour and confusion reuerberated on their owne neckes: whilst wee at home haue enioyed all peace and tranquillitie: And when wee make further obseruation by that light which your most excellent Maiestie in a most gracious trust and confidence hath boughsased to giue vs, by letting vs not onely know howe farre onward their most dangerous attempts against this kingdome had proceeded, But also hath imparted vnto vs, what to the vttermost of all his power and meanes is dayly laboured and contriued with all the Princes or States, whom hee can infect against this kingdome vpon false suggestions, thereby the easier to contriue our onely ruine and destruction: wee doe confesse (most gracious Soueraigne) that all these naturall and necessary considerations being duely wayed, haue deeply imprinted in our hearts both our owne imminent perill, your Maiesties infinite care and loue towards vs (for whom nothing of your owne hath bene so deare) and made vs knowe and feele that no common or ordinary remedies can bee proportionable to these extraordinary growing and swelling mil-

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chiefs, but that it is high time for vs to resolve that with all expedition possible this Realme must bee thoroughly provided of all things fit for maintenance of warre both by Sea and Lande, as well by increasing and repairing of your Maiesties royall Navy, which is truly termed the walles of this kingdome, and where in dayly by new preparations the enemy doeth labour and strive if he could to exceede your Maiestie, As also to provide further that your Maiesties Treasurers may bee in some measure better supplied against all sudden accidents, whereof though time must discover the particular mischieses, yet due circumspection and foresight must onely secure vs from the perils. To the effecting whereof, seeing so small likelyhoode doeth appeare of any helpe from forreine States or Princes, but that the burthen of the warre, (besides the assisting of others) is like to be thrown still on your Maiestie: wee doe beseech your Maiestie (as a pledge of our internall zeales and duties to be further manifested hereafter by the hazard of our liues and fortunes at all times for your Maiesties service) to vouchsafe at this present the gracious acceptation of these Subsidies and fifteenes, proceeding from most cheerefull and willing hearts. And because these our doings shall remaine in perpetuall Record to the viewe of all posterities hereafter, wee doe most humbly beseech your most excellent Maiestie, that with your gracious fauour wee may testifie and expresse that our intention is, that this which wee haue now done upon so extraordinarie and vrgent necessitie to so good and gracious a Princesse, bee not drawen a president for the times to come, unlesse it be upon like vrgent occasion. And therefore wee with all dutie and humble affections that heart can conceive, or tongue can utter, present to your sacred Maiestie three new Subsidies and sixe fifteenes and Tenthes towarde your highnesse great charges for our defence. And we doe most humbly beseech your Maiestie, that it may bee enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, in maner and forme following, That is to say, That your Maiestie shall haue sixe whole fifteenes and Tenthes to bee payed, taken and leuied of the mooueable goods, chattels and other things vsuall to such fifteenes and Tenthes to be contributozie and chargeable within the Shires, Cities, Boroughs, Townes and other places of this your Maiesties Realme in maner and forme alsoe time used (except the summe of thirtie sixe thousand pounds thereof fully to bee deducted, That is to say, sixe thousand pounds of euery of the said whole shires and Tenthes in reliefe, comfort and discharge of the poor Townes, Cities and Boroughes of this your said Realme which are desolate or destroyed, or ouer greatly impouerished, after the manner as was and hath alsoe this time bene had and made to

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every Shire, and to be devidid in such maner and forme as here tofore for one whole fifteene and Tenth hath bene had and devidid. And the said sixe fifteenes and Tenthes (the exception and deduction aforesaid thereupon had, deducted and allowed) to bee payed in maner and forme folowing: That is to say, The first and second of the sayde sixe whole fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to be payed to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the receit of your Exchequer, on or before the fourte and twentieth day of June next comming, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1598. And the thirde and fourth of the said sixe whole fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to be payd to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the sayde receit of your Exchequer, on or before the xxiii. day of June, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God one thousand five hundred ninetie nine. And the fift and sixt of the saide sixe whole fifteenes and Tenthes (except before excepted) to be payed to your Highnesse in one entire payment in the saide receipt of your Exchequer, on or before the xxiii. day of June which shall be in the yere of our Lord God one thousand and five hundredeth.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaide, that the Knights elected and returned of, and for the Shires within this Realme for this present Parliament, Citizens of Cities, Burghesses of Burroughs and Townes, where Collectors have bene bled to be named and appointed for the Collection of any fifteene and Tenth before this time graunted, shall name and appoint before the tenth day of April next comming, sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the sayd first and second of the sayd fifteenes and Tenthes. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of April, which shall bee in the yere of our Lord God one thousand five hundredeth ninetie and nine, other sufficient and able persons to bee Collectors for the Collection of the sayd thirde and fourth of the sayd fifteenes and Tenthes. And also shall likewise name and appoint before the tenth day of April, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God one thousand and five hundred, other sufficient and able persons to be Collectors for the Collection of the sayd fift and sixt fifteenes and Tenths, in every of the sayd Shires, Cities, Burroughs and Townes: The sayd persons so to bee named and appointed, to bee Collectors for the Collection of the sayd first and second fifteenes and Tenthes, and also of the sayd thirde and fourth fifteenes and Tenthes, then having Landes, Tenements, and other hereditaments in their owne right, of an estate of inheritance of the yerelely value of fortie pounds, or in goods worth fourte hundredeth pounds at the least, each of them after such rate and value,

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as he or they shall bee assessed and rated at in the Subsidie booke, if any such bee in the said limits. And for want of such so assessed, that those shall be appointed Collectors that then shall bee rated and taxed in the Subsidie booke in Landes or goods, nearest to the severall values aforesaid.

And also such person and persons so by them to bee named and appointed for the Collection of the saide sixe fifteenes & Tenths, shall be by them severally appointed and allotted into Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes.

And also the said persons so named and appointed for the Collection of the said severall fifteenes and Tenths, shall bee severally charged and chargeable upon his or their account or accounts in the Exchequer to be made, with all such summe or summes of money, as the Hundreds, Rapes, Wapentakes, Cities, Boroughs and Townes where he or they shall so happen to be appointed, shall amount unto, and of no more summe or summes. And upon the payment of such summes of money as hee or they shall be so charged with, shall be discharged, and have his or their Quicquid est, The not accompting or non payment of any other his knowes, or the insufficiencie of them, or any of them, notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of every of the saide Collectors, for the sayd first and second of the said fifteenes & Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burghesses for the Shires, Cities and Boroughs whereunto they be allotted, named, and returned, shall certifie before the Queenes Maiestie in the Chancery, before the tenth day of May next comming. And likewise the names and surnames of every the sayd Collectors, so to be named and appoynted for the Collection of the sayd third and fourth of the said fifteenes and Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burghesses, shall likewise certifie into the sayd Court of Chancery before the tenth day of May, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1599. And likewise the names and surnames of every of the sayd Collectors so to be named and appoynted for the Collection of the said fift and sixt fifteenes, and Tenths, together with the places allotted to their Collection and charge, the sayd Knights, Citizens and Burghesses, shall likewise certifie into the sayd Court of Chancery before the tenth day of May, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1600. according to the tenour of this Act. And if default of any such certifying be had or made in forme, as is aforesaid, Then the Lord Chancellor of England, or keeper of the great Seale for the time being, shall immediatly after, name and appoynt Collectors for the Collection of every of the said fifteenes and Tenths, in such like maner and forme, as the

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the sayd Knights of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burges-
ses of Boroughs, should haue done, and as aforesayd hath bene
vnto: The which sayd Collectours and euery of them so to be na-
med and appoynted, as is aforesayd, shall haue allowance vpon
their accounts, for their fees, wages, and rewards, for the Collec-
tion of the said fifteens and Tenths, in as large maner & forme,
as any Collector or Collectours of any fifteene and Tenth, haue
had at any season in time past. And that the Barons of the
Queenes Exchequer for the time being, shal and may from time
to time award such processe for speedy payment of the said seuerall
fifteenes and Tenths, against the Collector or Collectours of the
same, as by their discretions shall be thought conuenient.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie of this
present Parliament, that the sayd lord Chancellour or Keeper of
the great Seale for the time being, Knights of the Shires, Ci-
zens of Cities, Burgeses of Boroughs, Townes and other pla-
ces having authoritie by this present Acte to nominate the sayd
Collectours, of, or for the Collection of the sayd seuerall fifteenes
and Tenths, shall vpon their nomination and election had and
made, take by authoritie of this present Parliament, sufficient
recognizances or obligations of euery person so by them to be na-
med, to be bound to the Queenes Maestie in the double summe
of the summes of their Collection, and to be endoxed vpon such
condition, That if the same Collector, and Collectours of the sayd
first and second of the sayd fifteenes, and Tenths: and likewise
the Collector or Collectours of the sayd third and fourth of the sayd
fifteenes and Tenths: and likewise the Collector or Collectours
of the sayd fift and sixt fifteenes and Tenths, doe truly content
and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maestie in her receipt of her
Exchequer, for the sayd first & second of the sayd fifteenes & Tenths,
at, or before the sayd foure and twentie day of June next com-
ming: and for the sayd third and fourth of the sayd fifteenes and
Tenths, at, or before the sayd foure and twentie day of June,
which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1599. and for the
sayd fift and sixt fifteenes and Tenths, at, or before the sayd foure
and twentie day of June, which shall be in the yere of our Lord
God, 1600. so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and ap-
poynted to his Collection, as the same Collector shall haue collec-
ted and gathered: and do likewise after the sayd foure and twen-
tie day of June next comming, and the sayd foure and twentie
day of June which shall bee in the yere of our Lord God, 1599.
and the sayd foure and twentie day of June, which shall be in the
yere of our Lord God, 1600. content and pay to the Queenes
Maesties vse, at the same receipt of the Exchequer, the residue of
this Collection and Charge, within one moneth next after such

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time as hee shall haue gathered and collected the same residue, that then the sayd recognizance or obligation to be bovd, or els to stand in his full strength and power. Which Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the same Knights of the Shire, Citizens and Burgeses, and euery of them taking such Recognizance or Obligation, shall certifie and deliuer to the Lord Treasurer, and Barons of the same Exchequer, before the sayd foure and twentieth day of June next comming, and foure & twentieth day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1599. and foure and twentieth day of June, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1600. vpon paine of forfeiture of tenne pounds to the Queenes Highnesse for euery Recognizance or Obligation so to bee taken and not certified: And that euery such Collector vpon request to him made, shall make and knowlege the same Recognizance or Obligation accordingly, vpon paine of forfeiture of twentieth poundes to the Queene for his refusall thereof: And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, by payment of the sayd Collection at the dayes, shall cancell and deliuer the sayd Recognizance or Obligation to the sayd Collector without any other warrant, and without any reward to be payed to any person for the same.

And furthermore, for the great and weightie considerations aforesayd, We the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, doe by our like assent and authoritie of this Parliament, giue and grant to your Highnesse, our sayd Soueraigne Ladie the Queenes Maestie, our Heires and Successours, three entire Subsidies to be rated, leuied and payed at three seuerall payments, of euery person Spirituall and Temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be of, according to the tenor of this Acte, in maner and forme following, That is to say, as well that euery person bozne within this Realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, as all and euery fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Mysterie, Brotherhood, and Communitie corporated or not corporated within this realme of England, Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, being worth three poundes, for euery pound as well in coine and the balue of euery pound, that euery such person, fraternitie, Guild, Corporation, Mysterie, Brotherhood and Communitie Corporate or not Corporate, hath of his or their own, or any other to his or their vse: As also Plate, Stocke of merchandize, all maner of Corne and Graine, Household stuffe, and of all other goods moouable, as well within this Realme as without, and of all such summes of money as to him or them, is, or shalbe owing, wherof he or they trust in his or their conscience lawfully to be payed (except and out of the premisses deducted, such summes

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summes of money as he or they owe, & in his or their consciences intendeth truly to pay, and except also the apparell of every such person, their wives & children, belonging to their owne bodies, saving ierwels, gold, silver, stone and pearle) shall pay to & for the said first Subsidie, in one entire payment, ii. s. and viii. d. of every pound: and to and for the said second Subsidie in one entire payment, ii. s. and viii. d. of every pound: and to and for the said third Subsidie in one entire payment, ii. s. and viii. d. of every pound. And also every Alien and Straunger borne out of the Queenes obeysance, as well Denizen, as others inhabiting within this Realme, of every pound that he or they shall have in corne, and the value of every pound in Plate, Corne, Graine, Merchandise, Household stuffe, or other goods, ierwels, chattels moouable or vnmoouable, as is aforesaid, as well within this Realme as without, and of all summes of money to him or them owing, whereof hee or they trust in his or their conscience to be payd (except and out of the same premisses deducted, every such summe or summes of money which he or they doe owe, and in his or their conscience or consciences intend truly to pay) shall pay to & for the said first Subsidie, in one entire payment, five shillings and foure pence of every pound: and to & for the said second Subsidie in one entire payment, five shillings & foure pence of every pound: and to and for the said third Subsidie in one entire payment, five shillings and foure pence of every pound. And also that every Alien and Stranger borne out of the Queenes dominions being Denizen or not Denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aforesaid, and being of the age of seven yeeres or aboue, shall pay to and for the said first Subsidie eight pence for every Poll: and to & for the said second Subsidie eight pence for every Poll: and to and for the said third Subsidie eight pence for every Poll: and the Assessor, or he, or she, with whom the said Alien is, or shall be abiding at the time of the taxation or taxations therof, to be charged with the same for lake of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That every person borne vnder the Queenes obeysance, and every Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Mysterie, Brotherhood and Communitie, Corporate or not Corporate, for every pound that every of the same persons, & every Corporation, Fraternitie, Guild, Mysterie, Brotherhood & Communitie, Corporate or not Corporate, or any other, to his or their vse, hath in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, wardship, or by copy of Court roll, of, & in any Honors, Castles, Manors, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Hereditaments, Annuities, Fees, Copyholdes, or other yearly profits of the yearly value of twenty shillings, as well within ancient Demefne & other places privileged,

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anywhere, and so byward, shall pay to and for the sayd first Subsidie in one entire payment foure shillings, of, and for every pound: and to and for the sayd second Subsidie, foure shillings, of, and for every pound: and to and for the sayd third Subsidie, foure shillings, of, and for every pound. And every Alien, Denizen, or not Denizen, borne out of the Queenes Maties obedi-
ence, in such case, to pay to and for the sayd first Subsidie in one entire payment, eight shillings of every pound: and to, and for the sayd second Subsidie in one entire payment, eight shillings of every pound: and to, and for the sayd third Subsidie, eight shillings of every pound. And that all summes to be presented, and chargeable by this Act, either for goods and debts, or either of them, or for Lands and Tenements, and other the premises, as is in this case contained, shall be at every of the sayd payments, in and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this Act (Lands and Tenements chargeable to the Dimes of the Clergie, and yeerely wages due to seruants for their yeerely seruice, (other then the Queenes seruants taking yeerely wages of five pounds or aboue) onely excepted and fore-
waied) And that all Plate, Coine, Jewels, Goods, Debts and Chateles personals, and all Lands, Tenements, and other the premises, as aforesayd, being in the rule and custody of any person or persons to the vse of any Corporation, Fraternity, Guild, Mystry, Brotherhood, or any Communitie, being corporate or not corporate, bee and shall be rated, set and charged by reason of this Act, at the value certified by the Presenters of that certi-
ficate of every pound in goods and debts as is abovesaid, and for every pound in Lands, Tenements, Annuities, Fees, Corrodies and other yeerely profits as is aforesayd. And the summes that are aforesayd, set and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that shall haue such goods in custody, or otherwise charged for Lands, as is aforesayd. And the same person or persons, and body corporate, by authority of this Act, shall be discharged against him or them that shall or ought to haue the same at the time of the payment or deliuey thereof, or at his otherwise departure from the custody or possession of the same, Except & alwayes fore-
waied from the charge & assessement of these Subsidies, all Goods, Chateles, Jewels & ornaments of Churches or Chappels, which have bene obtained and vled in Churches or Chappels for the honor and seruice of Almighty God. And the payment of the sayd first Subsidie shall be by authority aforesaid, tared, sessed and ra-
ted, according to this Act, in every Shire, Riding, Lath, Wapen-
tike, Rape, Citty, Borough, Towne, and every other place with-
in this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes
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Dominions before the first day of October next comming. And the payment of the saide second Subsidie shall be by the authoritie aforesaide, taxed, sessed and rated, before the first day of October, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God 1599. And the payment of the sayd thirde Subsidie shall bee by the authoritie aforesaide, taxed, assessed and rated, according to this Acte in every Shire, Riding, Lath, wapentake, Citie, Borough, Towne, and every other place within this Realme of England and Wales, and other the Queenes Dominions, before the first day of October, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God a Thousand five hundredeth. And the particular summes of every Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, or other places aforesaide, with the particular names of such as are or shalbe chargeable for, and to the payment of the saide first Subsidie, to bee taxed and set by the Commissioners to the same to bee limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the same forme shall bee certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the first day of November next comming. And the particular summes of every Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne and other places aforesaide with the particular names of such as are chargeable for and to the payment of the sayde second Subsidie to bee taxed and set by Commissioners to the same to bee limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the same forme shall bee certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the first day of November which shall be in the yere of our Lord God 1599. And the particular summes of every Shire, Riding, Borough, Towne, and other places aforesaide with the particular names of such as are chargeable, for, and to the payment of the sayd thirde Subsidie, to be taxed and set by the Commissioners to the same to be limited, or two of them at the least, with the names of the high Collectors, and in the same forme shall be certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the first day of November which shall be in the yere of our Lord God a Thousand five hundredeth. And the said summes in forme aforesaid, to be taxed to and for the payment of the saide first Subsidie shall be payed in one entire summe into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforesaid, to the vse of our saide Soueraigne Lady, at, or before twelfth day of February, which shall bee in the yere of our Lorde God 1598. And the said summes in maner and forme aforesaid, to be taxed for the payment of the said second Subsidie, shall be payed in one entire summe into the receipt aforesaid, to the vse aforesaide, at or before y^e twelfth day of February, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God 1599. And the said summes in maner and forme aforesayde, to be taxed for the payment of the sayde first Subsidie, shalbe payd into the receipt aforesaid, to the vse aforesayd, at or be-
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the twelfth day of February, which shall bee in the yeere of our Lord God one Thousand sixe hundredeth. And the summes aforesaid, of and for the said Subsidies, shall be taxed, set, asked and demanded, taken, gathered, leuied and payed, to the vse of our saide Soueraigne Lady, her heires and successours, in forme aforesaid, aswell within the Liberties, franchises, Sanctuaries, ancient Demesne, and other whatsoever places exempt or not exempt, as without, except such Shires, places and persons, as shall be excepted, in and by this present Acte, any graunt, charter, prescription, vse or libertie, by reason of any Letters patents, or other privilege, prescription, allowance of the same, or whatsoever other matter of discharge, heretofore to the contrary made, granted, vsed, or obtained notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery such person, aswell such as bee borne vnder the Queenes obeyssance, as euery other person stranger borne, Denizen, or not Denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, which at the time of the same Assessings, or Taxations, or of euery of them to be had or made, shall bee out of this Realme, or out of Wales, and haue goods, chattels, Landes, or Tenements, fees or Annuities, or other profits within this Realme or in Wales, shall be charged and chargeable for the same, by the certificate of the inhabitants of the place where such goods, Chattels, Landes, Tenements, or other the premises then shall bee, or in such other place where such person or persons, or his or their factor, Deputie, or Attorney shall haue their most resort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in like maner as if the saide person were or had bene at the time of the saide Assessing within this Realme. And that euery person abiding or dwelling within this Realme, or without this Realme, shall be charged or chargeable to the same Subsidies granted by this Acte, according, and after the rate of such petty substance, or value of Landes, or tenements, goods, chattels, and other the premises, or euery person so to be charged shall be set at, at the time of the said assessing or taxation vpon him to be made, and none other wise.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, that for the assessing and ordering of the sayde three Subsidies to be duely had, the Lorde Chancellour of England, or the Lorde Keeper of the great Seale, the Lorde Treasourer of England, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties householde, the Lord Admirall of England, the Lorde Chamberlaine of the Queenes most honourable householde for the time being, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chancellour of England, or Keeper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, shall and may name
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and appoint of, and for euery Shire, Riding, and other places, as well within this Realme, as in Wales and other the Queenes Dominions, as also of and for euery Citie, and Towne, being a County of it selfe: And of and for the Isle of Wight, such certaine number of persons of euery of the same Shires, Ridings, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes and Isle of Wight, and euery other place as they shall thinke conuenient to bee Commissioners of, and within the same place whereof they bee inhabitants. And also of and for the honourable householde of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shire or other place the sayd householde shall happen then to bee, and the Lorde Chancelour or the Lorde Keeper of the great Seale, and other with him before named, or two of them as is aforesaid, in like maner may name and appoint of euery other such Borough and Townes corporate, as well in England as in Wales, and other the Queenes dominions, as they shall thinke requisite, sixe, foure, three, or two of the head Officers, and other honest inhabitants of euery the sayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same: The which persons (if any such bee) thereunto named, of the saide inhabitants of the saide Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties of themselves, shall bee ioynded and put in as Commissioners, with the persons named for such Shires and Ridings, as the sayde Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties in themselves, be set and haue their being, which persons so named for and of the saide Boroughes and Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of their dwelling in the same, shall not take vpon them, nor none of them to put any part of their Commission in execution for the premises, out of the sayde Boroughes and Townes Corporate, wherein they bee so named onely, nor to execute the saide Commission within the Borough or Towne Corporate, where they bee so dwelling: but at such dayes and times as the sayde other Commissioners for the same Shire and Riding, shall thereunto limite and appoint within the same Borough and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, whereof they bee so named, and not out of such Borough or Towne: and in that maner to bee ayding and assisting with the sayde other Commissioners, in, and for the good executing of the effect of the sayde Commission vpon paine of euery of the sayde Commissioners so named, for euery such Citie, Borough and Towne Corporate, not being a Countie, to make such fine as the sayde other Commissioners in the Commission, of, and for the same Shire or Riding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by their discretion, set and certifie to the Queenes Exchequer, there to bee leuied to the vse of the Queenes

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Queenes Maiestie, in like maner as if such, or like summes had bene set and rated vpon euery such person for the sayd Subsidies: The which Commissioners so named, of, and for the sayd Cities, Boroughs and Townes, not being Counties, and onely put into the sayd Commission by reason of their dwelling in the same, shal not haue any part of the portion of the fees & rewards of the Commissioners and their Clerkes, in this Act afterwards specified & allowed. And the Lord Chancellour of England, or keeper of the great seale of England for the time being, shall make & direct out of the Court of the Chancerie, vnder the great seale, seuerall Commissions: That is to say, for euery Shire Riding, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and household, vnto such person & persons, as by his discretion, or any of the other with him before named and appoynted, as is before rehearsed, shal be thought sufficient for the selling and leuying of the sayd three Subsidies, in all Shires and places, according to the true meaning of this Act: which Commission for the payment of the sayd first Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayd Commissioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of August next comming, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, 1598. And the Commission for the payment of the sayde second Subsidie, shall bee directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners or to one of them, before the twentieth day of August, which shall be in the yere of our Lorde God, 1599. And the Commission for the payment of the sayde third Subsidie, shall be directed and deliuered to the sayd Commissioners, or to one of them, before the twentieth day of August, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, 1600. And to euery of the sayd Commissioners tenne Schedules, conteining in them the tenor of this Acte, shall be assiled, by the which Commission the Commissioners in euery such Commission named according to this Acte, and as many of them as shall bee appoynted by the sayde Commission, shall haue full power and authoritie to put the effect of the same Commission in execution.

And that by authoritie of this Acte, after such Commission to them directed, they may by their assents and agreements, leuer themselves for the execution of their Commission in Hundreds, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes and other places, within the limites of the said Commission, in such forme as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordered, & betweene them to be communed and agreed according to the tenor and effect of the Commission to them therein directed, vpon which seruance euery person of this present Parliament, that shall bee

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Commissioner', shall be assigned vnto the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Provided alwayes, that no person be or shall be compelled to bee any Commissioner to and for the execution of this present Act, but onely in the Shire where he dwelleth and inhabiteth, And that any person assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wise shall not bee compelled to put in execution the effect of this Act, or any part thereof.

And be it also enacted by the authority of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners and euery of them, which shalbe named, limited and appointed according to this Act to be Commissioners in euery such Shire, Riding, Lathe, wapentake, Rape, City, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the said household or any other place and no other, shall truely, effectually and diligently for their part execute the effect of this present Acte, according to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe and no other wise by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dread, malice, or any other thing to be attempted or done by them or any of them to the contrary thereof.

And the sayd Commissioners or as many of them as shall be appointed by the said Commission, and none other for the execution of the said Commission and Act, shall for the taxation of the sayd first Subsidie before the last day of August next coming, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God, 1598. And for the taxation of the sayd second Subsidie, shall before the last day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God 1599. And for the taxation of the sayd third Subsidie, shall before the last day of August, which shall be in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand and sixe hundred, by vertue of the Commission deliuered vnto them in forme aforesayd, direct their seruerall or ioynt precept or precepts vnto eight, seuen, sixe, five, foure, three or two as for the number of the inhabitants shall bee requisite, of the most substantiall, discrete and honest persons inhabitants to be named by the said Commissioners or by as many of them as shal be appointed by the said Commission, of 2 in Hundreds, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, wards, Parishes, Townes and other places aswell within Liberties, franchises, ancient demesne, places exempted and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shires, Ridings, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughs and Isles aforesayd, and other places within the limits of their Commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes and other like officers and Ministers of euery of þ sayd Hundreds, Townes, wards, Lathes, wapentakes, Parishes and other places aforesayd, as to the sayd

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sayd Commissioners and every number of them, or unto three or two of them by their discretion in diuision shall seeme expedient, as by the maner and vse of those parties shall bee requisite: straightly by the sayd precept charging and commanding the sayd inhabitants, Constables and other Officers aforesayd, to whom such precept shall be so directed, to appeare in their proper persons before the said Commissioners, or such number of them as they shall diuide themselves, according to the tenour of the sayd Commission, at certaine dayes and places by the said Commissioners or any number of them as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughs, or Townes corporate, or without in any other places as is aforesayd, by their discretion shall be limited thereunto, to doe and accomplish all that to them on the part of the Queenes Maiestie shall be intorned touching this Acte. Commanding further by the same precept, that hee to whose hands such precept shall come, shall shew and deliuer the same to the other inhabitants or officers named in the same precept. And that none of them faile to accomplish the same, vpon paine of forty shillings to be forfeited to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordained by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that at the sayd day and place prefixed and limited in the sayd precept, every of the sayd Commissioners then being in the Shire, and hauing no sufficient excuse for his absence at the day and place prefixed for that part whereunto he was limited, shall appeare in his proper person, and there the same Commissioners being present, or as many of them as shall be appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, shall call or cause to be called before them the sayd inhabitants & officers, to whom they haue directed their sayd precepts, and which had in commandement there to appeare by vertue of the sayd precept. And if any person so warned make default, vnles he then be letted by sickness or lawfull excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons: Or if any appearing, refuse to true in forme following, then every such person so making default, or refusing to serue, shall forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie forty shillings, and so at every time appoynted by the sayd Commissioners for the same taxation, vntill such time the number of every such persons haue appeared & certified in forme vnderwritten, every of them so making default or refusing to serue, shall forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie forty shillings, and vpon the same appearance had, they shall be charged before the Commissioners by all conuenient wayes and meanes (other then by compoall oth) to inquire of the best & most value of the substance of every person dwelling and abiding within the limits of the

places that they shall be charged with, and of other which shall haue his or their most resort vnto any of þ said places, & chargeable with any summe of money by this Acte, of the sayd Subsidies, and of all other things requisite, touching the said Act, and according to the intent of the same: and thereupon, as neere as it may be, or shall come to their knowledge, without respect of any former taxation heretofore had, truely to present and certifie before the sayd Commissioners the names & surnames, and the best and bittermost substance and values of euery of them, aswel of lands, tenements, and other hereditaments, possessions, and profits, as of goods, chattels, debts, and other things chargeable by the same Act, without any concealement, loue, fauour, affection, dread, or malice, vpon paine of forfeiture of five pounds or more, to be taxed, extracted, and leuied, in forme as hereafter in this present Acte shall be limited or appoynted: And thereupon, the sayde Commissioners shall openly there read or cause to be read vnto them the sayd rates in this Act mentioned, and openly declare the effect of their charge vnto them, in what manner and forme they ought and should make their certificate, according to the rates and summes thereof abouesayd, and of all manner persons, aswel of Aliens and Strangers, Denizens or not Denizens inhabiting within this realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obedience, chargeable to this Act, and of the possessions, goods and chattels of fraternities, guilds, corporatiōs, brotherhoods, mysteries, comminalties, and other as is abouesayd, and of persons being in the parts beyond the Seas, hauing goods and chattels, lands or tenements within this Realme, as is aforesaid, and of all goods being in the custody of any person or persons, to the vse of any other, as is abouesayd, by the which information or shewing, the sayd persons should haue such plain knowledge of the true intent of this present Act, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persons shal haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorance, and after such charge, and the Statute of the sayd Subsidies and the maner of the sayd certificate to be made in writing containing the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obedience or within, and the best value of euery person in euery degree, aswel of the petye value of lands and tenements, and of such like possessions and profits, as of the value of goods and chattels, debts, and euery thing to their certificate requisite and necessary, to them declared, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall by their discretions appoynt and limit vnto the sayd persons another day and place to appeare before the sayd Commissioners, and charging the sayd persons

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persons that they in the meane time shal make diligent inquirie by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then and there every of them upon paine of forfeiture of fortie shillings to the Queenes Maestie, to appeare at the sayd new prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayd Commissioners in writing according to their sayd charge, and according to the true intent of the sayd graunt of Subsidies, and as to them in maner aforesayd hath bene declared and shewed by the Commissioners, at which day and place so to them prefixed, if any of the said persons make default, or appeare, and refuse to make the said certificate, that then every of them so offending to forfeit to the Queenes Maestie forty shillings, except there bee a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sicknesse or otherwise, by þ other of two credible persons there witnessed, and of such as appeare ready to make certificate as is aforesayd, the sayd Commissioners there being, shall take and receiue the same certificate and every part thereof, and the names, values, and substance of every person so certified. And if the sayd Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the said presenters thereof, and thereupon the sayd Commissioners at the sayd dayes and place, by their agreement amongst themselves, shall from time to time there openly prefixe a day at a certaine place or places, within the limits of their commission by their discretion, for their further proceeding to the sayd assessing of the same Subsidies, and therupon at the sayd day of the sayd certificate, as is aforesayd, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts to the Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffs, or other Officers of such Hundreds, wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayd, as the same Commissioners shall be of, comprising and containing in the said precepts the names and surnames of all persons presented before them in the sayd certificate, of whom the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be therunto appoynted by the Queenes commission, shall then haue behement suspect to be of more greater value or substance in lands, goods, chattels, or summes of money owing to them, or other substance aforesayd, then upon such person or persons so certified and specified, as aforesayd, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or precepts directed to the Constable, Bailiffs, or other Officers, commanding the same Constable, Bailiffs, or other Officers to whom such precepts shall bee directed, to warne such persons whose names shall be comprised in the sayd precepts at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such precepts, and every of them, shall personally appeare before the sayd Commissioners, at the same new prefixed day & place there

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to be examined by all wayes and meanes (other then by corporall oth) by the sayd Commissioners of their greatest substance and best value, and of all & every summes of money owing to them & other whatsoeuer matter concerning the premises, or any of them according to this Act: At which day & place so prefixed, the sayd Commissioners then and there being, or as many of them as shall be therunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be called the said persons whose names shall be comprised in the sayd precept, as is aforesayd, for their examination. And if any of those persons which shall be warned, as is aforesaid, to be examined, which at any time after the warning, & before the prefixed day, shall be within such place where he may haue knowledge of his said appearance to be made, make default and appeare not, vnlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse by the othes of two credible persons before the sayd Commissioners be truly alleaged for his discharge, that then every of them so making default, to be taxed & charged to the Queenes Maiestie, with & at the double summe of the rate that he should or ought to haue bene set at, for & after the best value of his lands or substance vpon him certified, if he had appeared, by the discretion of the Commissioners there being, which Commissioners shall traualle with every of the other persons so then and there appearing, whose names shall be expressed in the sayd precept or precepts, & in whom any belement suspect was, or shall be had in forme aforesayd, by all such wayes and meanes as they can (other then by corporall othe) for the better knowledge of their best value, either in hereditamētis or possessions, or els in goods or debts, & thereupon shall haue power and authority by vertue of this Acte, according to their discretions, to enlarge and increase the taxation of such persons as they shall so finde by due examination, to be of greater value or substance in landes or goods then they were presented at. And that every Spirituall person at every of the said taxations of the said thre Subsidies, shall be rated & set according to the rate abouesaid, of & for every pound that the same Spirituall person, or any other to his use, hath by descent, bargaine, or purchase, in fee simple, fee taile, terme of life, terme of yeeres, by execution, by wardship, or by copie of Court Roll, in any Mannors, lands, tenements, rents, seruices, offices, fees, Corrodies, or hereditaments after þ true, iust & perely value thereof, and according as other the Queenes Maiesties Subjects borne within this Realme, be charged in forme aboue remembred, so that it extend to the yeerely value of twentie shillings or aboue.

And it is further enacted, that if the said Taxors or Assessors shall

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shall not duly behaue themselves in their inquirie, taxation, assessment or Certificate, but shall affectionately, corruptly, or partially demean themselves in that behalfe: in such wise, that the Commissioners shall by their considerations deeme them offenders worthe of punishment, for not doing their dueties therein, that then foure or more of the Commissioners in that Countie for the same Subsidie, shall haue power and authoritie by their discretions, either to charge the sayd Assessours upon their corporal othes, for the better seruice aforesayd in that behalfe, or else by their discretions, to take and set upon euery of the sayd assessours for their misdemeanors in that behalfe, such a fine or paine as they shall thinke good, so that it exceede not the summe of ten pounds, and the same fine or paine at their discretions to estreate into the court of Exchequer. Euery which fine so taken and set, by foure of the sayd Commissioners or more, and being estreated with the schedule and booke of that limite, shall be liued and answered to the Queenes vse in like manner and forme to all intents and purposes, as any other summes that be taxed and become due by vertue of this Statute and Acte of Subsidie, and not in any other wise or maner.

And if any person certified or rated by vertue of this Act, whether he be a commissioner or other, to any maner of value, doth finde himselfe grieved with the same presentment, selling or rating, and thereupon complaine to the Commissioners before whom he shall be called, sessed or taxed, or before two of them, before the same taxation be certified into the Court of Exchequer, that the sayd Commissioners, or two of them, shall by all wayes and meanes examine particularly and distinctly the person so complaining, by his othe, and other his neighbours by their discretions, of euery his landes and tenements aboue specified, and of euery his goods, chattels and debts aboue mentioned. And after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceiued by the sayd Commissioners, or two of them, which shall haue power by authoritie aforesayd, the sayd Commissioners or two of them to whom any such complaint shall be made by their discretion, upon the othe of the said person so complaining, may abate, defalke, increas or enlarge the same assessments according as it shall appeare vnto them iust by the same examination, and the same summe so abated, defalked, increased or enlarged, shall be by them estreated in forme as hereafter enlieth. And if it be prooued by witnesses or by the parties owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes within a yeere after any such othe made, that the same person so rated and sworn, was of any better or greater value in landes, goods, or other things

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things above specified, at the time of his sayde othe, then the same person so swozne did declare vpon his sayd othe, that then every such person so offending, shall loose and forfeit to the Queenes Maiestie, so much lawfull money of England, as for the same person so swozne was set at or taxed to pay.

And also it is enacted by the same authoritie, that every person to be rated and taxed as is aforesayd, shall be rated and set, and the summe on him set, to be leuied at such place, where he & his family were resident for the most part of the yere next before the same presentment & taxation made, and no where else. And that no Commissioner for this Subsidie shall be rated or taxed for his goods or lands, but in the Shire or other place where he shall be Commissioner. And that if any person chargeable to this Act, at the time of the same assessing, happen to be out of this Realme, & out of Wales, or farre from the place where he shall be known: then he to be set, where he was last abiding in this Realme or within Wales, and after the substance, value & other profits of every person, to be known by the examination, certificate, or other manner of wise as is aforesaid. And that the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission or Commissioners, shall after the rate & rates aforesayd, cause every person so to be set, rated & taxed, according to the rate of the substance & value of his lands, goods, chattels, and other profits chargeable by this Act, where by the greatest or most best summe or summes according to his most substance by reason of this Act, might or may be set or taxed.

And that every person taxed in any Countie or place other then where he and his familie were resident for the most part of the yere then next before, or in any Countie or place, other then where he is a Commissioner for the Subsidie, if he be a Commissioner, vpon certificate made to the sayd Court of Exchequer, vnder the hand and Seales of two Commissioners for the same Subsidie, in the same Countie or place where such person and his familie were resident for the most part of the yere then next before, or where he is a Commissioner for the taxation and payment of the same Subsidie, testifying such his most residence, hauing of familie, or being a Commissioner, shall be a sufficient discharge for the taxation of that person in all other places, and of and for all other summes of money vpon such persons so set and taxed, saue onely the taxation made in that Countie or place from which such certificate shall be made, as is aforesayd, and for the summe of money vpon such persons there assessed and taxed. And that such certificate shall be any plea or other circumstance, shall be a sufficient warrant and

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well to the Barons and Auditor & Auditors of the sayd court of Exchequer, as to all and euery other officers, to whome the allowance thereof shall appertaine, paying for such discharge and allowance onely six pence and no more.

Provided alwaies, that euery such person which shalbe rated or taxed according to the intent and true meaning of this Acte, for payment of and to these Subsidies, for and after the yeerely value of his lands, tenements, and other real possessions or profits, at any of the sayd taxation. shall not after be set and rated for his goods and chattels, or other moouable substance at the same taxation, and that he that shall be set, charged or taxed for the same Subsidies for his goods, chattels, and other moouables at any of the said taxation, according to the true meaning of this Act, shall not after be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his lands or other reall possessions & profits abovesayd, at the same taxation, or any of them, nor that any person by any taxation, be double charged for the sayd Subsidies, nor set, or taxed at severall places by reason of this Act: But if any person happen to be double set, taxed or charged, either in one place, or at severall places, then he to be discharged of the one taxation, and charged with the other according to the meaning and intent of this Act, anything contained in this present Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that it be ordeined and enacted by the sayd authoritie of this present Parliament, that no person hauing two manshons or two places to resort vnto, or calling himself household seruant or waiting seruant to the Queenes Maestie, or other Lord, or Lady, Master or Mistresse, bee excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayd Subsidies, in neither of the places where he may be set or taxed, butlesse hee bring a certificate in writing from the Commissioners where that he is so set or taxed indeede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set and taxed to these present Subsidies, by reason of his removing, or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that he elsewhere was taxed, or by reason of any priuiledge of his dwelling or abiding in any place, not being foreprised in this Act, or otherwise by his count or craft, or by any words or sayings, or otherwise: or if any that is a Commissioner or Assessor of others happen to escape from the said taxation for the payment of these Subsidies, or any of them, and be not set and taxed according to the true intent of this Act, and that prooued by presentment, examination, information or otherwise before the sayd Commissioners or two of them, or before the Barons of the Queenes Maesties Exchequer, or two Iustices of the peace, of the County where such person

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son dwelleth: Then every such person that by such means or otherwise willingly by couine or without iust cause, shall happen to escape from the sayd taxations or payments aforesayd, or any of them, and shall not be rated, taxed and set, shalbe charged by, on the knowledge and prooffe thereof, with, and at the double value of so much as he should, might or ought to have bene let and sared at by vertue of this Acte. And the same double value to be leuied, gathered and payed of his goods & chattels, lands and tenements, towards the said Subsidies: and further to be punished according to the discretions of the Barons, Iudices and Commissioners, befoze whom hee shall be convicted for his offence and deceit in that behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, that the sayd Commissioners in every Commission, which shall be or inhabite in any Countie or place within the limits of their Commission, or the more part of them shall haue full power and authority by this Act, to set, rate and selle every other Commissioner ioynded with them in every such Commission, and the sayd Commissioners within every diuision shall also assele every assessor within their diuision, for his or their goods, landes, and other the premisses as is abouesayd. By the which sayd Commission the sayd Commissioners to whome it shall appertaine, shall indifferently set, rate and selle themselves and the said assessors, and that aswell the summes vpon every of the sayd Commissioners and Assessors so selled, rated & taxed, as the summes made and presented by the Presenters, as is abouesayd, shall be written, certified, set & estreated, and the estreats thereof to be made with other the inhabitants of that part, & within the limits of the same commission and diuision, so to be gathered and leuied in like maner as it ought or should haue bene, if the sayd Commissioners had not bene in the said Commission. And that all persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and every estate aboue shall be charged with their freeholde & value as aforesayd, by the Chancellor or Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, the high Treasurer of England for the time being, or one of them, together with other such persons as by the Queenes Highnes authority or commandement shalbe named and appointed, and they to be charged for the said several payments of the said Subsidies after the forme of the sayd grant according to the taxation aforesayd. And the summe of and vpon them to be set and taxed, with the names of the Collectors appointed for the gathering and paying of the same to be estreated, delivered and certified at dates and places aboue specified, by the Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the great Seale, and Lord Treasurer or one of them, together

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gether with other such persons as thereunto shall be named, as
is aforesayd.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that af-
ter the tares and asses of the sayd summes upon & by the sayd
assessing & certificate as is aforesayd made, the sayde Commissio-
ners or as many of them, as shall bee thereunto appointed, and
have authoritie by the Queenes Maesties Commission, shall
with all speede, and without delay by their writing, estreate the
sayd tares thereof, vnder the seales & signes manuel of the sayd
Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be appointed at the
last. And the same shall deliuer vnto sufficient and substanciall
inhabitants, Constables, Subconstables, Bailiffes & other of-
ficers ioyntly of Hundreds, Townes, Parishes, and other p'a-
ces aforesaid within their limits, and to other sufficient persons
inhabitants of the same, only by the discretion of the sayd Com-
missioners, with the assent of the high Collector, & as the place
and parties shall require, aswell the particular names and sur-
names, as the remembrance of all the summes of money tared
and set, of and vpon euery person aswel man as woman charge-
able to this Act, householders and all other inhabitants & dwel-
lers within the sayd Parishes, Townes and places contribu-
tary to this Act of Subsidies. By authority of which writing
and estreat so deliuered, the said officers and other persons so na-
med and deputed, seuerally shall haue full power and authority
by vertue of this Act, immediatly after the deliuerie of the sayde
writing or estreat, to demand, leuie, and gather of euery person
therin specified, the summe and summes in the same writing or
estreat comprised: And for non paiment thereof, to distreine the
same person or persons so being behind of their goods and chat-
tels, and the distresse so taken to keep by the space of two dayes,
at the costs and charges of the owner thereof. And if the said ow-
ner do not pay such summe of money as shall be tared by autho-
rity of this Act within & same eight daies, then the same distresse
to be appraised by foure or three or two of the inhabitants where
such distresse is taken, and also then to be sold by the Constable
or other Collector for the payment of the sayd money, and the
surplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (if any be) to
be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, which
said Officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, gather,
and leuie the said summes, shall answere and be charged for the
portion onely to them assigned and limited to be gathered, leui-
ed and comprised in the said writing or Estreat so to them as is
aforesayd, deliuered to the vse of our Soueraigne Ladie the
Queenes Maestie, and her heires and successors, and the sayd
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summe in that writing or estreate comprised, to pay unto the high collector or collectors of that place, for the collection of the same in manner and forme vnder written thereunto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitants and officers so gathering the same particular summes for their collection thereof, shall receive for every twentie shillings so by them received and payed, two pence, And that to be allowed at the payment of their collection by them to be made, to the high collector or collectors.

And further be it enacted by the sayd authoritie, that the sayd Commissioners or the more part of them, as shall take vnder them the execution and busines of the sayd Commission, shall for every of the sayd payments of the sayd Subsidies, name such sufficient and able persons, which then shall have and possesse lands and other hereditaments in their owne right, of the cleare yearly value of fourtie poundes, or goods to the value of four hundred poundes at the least, as hee shall be taxed in the Subsidie booke, if any such be in the sayd limits, and for want of such to be assessed, then those to be appointed Collectours that then shall be sufficient, and rated & taxed in the Subsidie booke in lands or goods neere to the values aforesaid, as by their discretion shall be thought good, in Shires, Ridings, Lathes, wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoever places as well within places privileged as without, not being excepted within this Act to be high Collectours, and to have the collection, and receipt of the sayd summes set, and leviable within the precinct, limits & bounds where they shall be so limited and appoynted to be high Collectours. And to every of the sayd Collectours so severally named, the said Commissioners or two of them at the least with all speed and without delay after the said whole summe of any payment of the sayd Subsidies be set by all the limits of the same their commission, or in such limits as the high Collectours shall be so severally assigned: shall vnder their seals and signe manuell, deliver one estreate indented in parchment, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to levie the sayd particular summes, and the summes of every Hundred, wapentake, Towne and other place aforesayde, with the names & surnames of the persons so chargeable, according to the estreat so first thereof made, and delivered as is aforesayd. And the Collectours to be assigned shall be charged to answer the whole summe comprised in the sayd estreat limited to his collection, as is aforesayd.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said commissioners having authority by this act to name & nominate the sayd high Collectours of every of the sayd Subsidies

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ies, shall immediatly upon their nomination and election take by authority of this present Parliament, sufficient Recognizances or obligations, without any fee or reward to be payd therefor, of every person so by them to be named, to be high Collectors, to be bound to the Queenes Majesty in the double summe of the summe of his collection, and to be endorsted and made by, on such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the sayd first Subsidie: That if the sayd collector, his heires or executors doe truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Majestie, her heires or successors, in the receipt of the sayd Exchequer, at or before the sayd twelfth day of Februarie, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, one thousand five hundred ninety and eight, so much of the sayd summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection, and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, That then the said Recognizances or obligations to be boyd, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the said second Subsidie, upon condition that if the sayd Collector, his heires or executors, doe truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Majestie, her heires or successors, in her receipt of the Exchequer, at or before the sayd 12. day of february, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, one thousand five hundred ninety and nine, so much of the sayd summe of money, allotted and appointed to his collection, as hee shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after such time as hee hath gathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd Recognizances or obligations to be boyd, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the sayde third Subsidie, upon collection, that if the sayd collector, his heires or executors do truly content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Majestie, her heires or successors, in her receipt of Exchequer, at or before the sayd twelfth day of february, which shall be in the yere of our Lord God, one thousand and five hundred, so much of the said summe of money allotted and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and gather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after such time as he hath gathered and collected the same residue, that then the said Recognizances or obligations to be boyd, or else to stand in full strength and vertue. Which sayd severall Recognizances or Obligations so taken, the sayd Commissioners shall severally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Majesties Exchequer, with the severall certificates of the sayd variations

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tions and rates of the payment of the sayd Subsidies, at and by the time to them prescribed and appoynted by this Act, for the certificate of the sayd severall taxations of the sayd Subsidies, upon paine of forfeiture of tenne pounds to the Queenes Maiesty for every such Recognizance or Obligation not so certified. And that every such Collector so elected, named and chosen upon request to him made, shall knowlege and make the sayd Recognizance and Obligation upon paine and forfeiture of twenty pounds to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusal thereof. And that the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer for the time being, upon payment of the sayd severall collections of the sayd Subsidies, at the dayes and times herein limited for the payment thereof, shall cancell and deliuer the Recognizances or Obligations for the payment thereof, to the Collector or Collectors, without any other warrant, and without any fee or reward to be payed for the same to any person. And every Collector so deputed, having the sayd Estreate in parchment as is aforesayd, shall have authoritie by this Act, to appoynt dayes and places, within the circuit of his collection, for the payment of the sayd Subsidies, to him to be made, and thereof to give warning by Proclamation, or otherwise to all the Constables or other persons or inhabitants having the charge of the particular collection within & Hundreds, Parishes, Townes or other places by him or them limited, to make payment for the sayd particular collection of every summe, as to them shall appertain. And at the same day and place so limited and prefixed by the said high Collector, the sayd Constable, Officers, or other persons, or inhabitants as is aforesayd, for the sayd particular collection assigned and appoynted within such Hundred, Citie, Towne or other place, do not pay unto the sayd high Collectors the summe within their severall Hundreds, Townes, Parishes and other places due and comprised in the said Estreat thereof, to them delivered by the sayd Commissioners or some of them as is aforesayd, or so much thereof as they have by any meanes received (two pence for every pound of the sayd particular collection as is aforesaid, alwaies thereof to be allowed, excepted and abated) that then it shall be lawfull to the said high Collectors and every of them, and to their assignes, to distreine every of the sayd Constables, Officers and other inhabitants, for their sayd severall and particular collection of the sayd summes comprised in the sayd Estreat and writing thereof, to them and every of them as is before expressed, delivered, or for so much of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered & leuied, and behind, and unpaid, by the goods and chattels of every of them so being behind,

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inde, and the distresse so taken to be kept, and apprysed and sold as is aforesayd, and therof to take and leuie the summes so then being behinde and bypayd: And the ouerplus comming of the sale of the said distresse (if any be) to be restored and deliuered by to the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that no person or persons shall be nominated or appoynted to bee a high Collectoꝝ or Collectoꝝs for the second payment of any fiftene, Tenth, or Subsidies, granted by this Act, which before that time hath bene a Collectoꝝ or Collectoꝝs for the first payment of any part of þe same fiftene, Tenth, or Subsidies, unlesse such person or persons so to bee nominated and appoynted high Collectoꝝ or Collectoꝝs of the sayd second payment, doe first thewe forth before him or them by whom hee shall be so nominated and appointed, his quietus est for the discharge of his collection before appoynted to his charge, upon paine of one hundred pounds to be payd and forfeited by him or them that so shall nominate and appoynt any such collectoꝝ contrary to this present Acte.

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabiting in any city, borough, or towne corporate, shall be compelled to be any Assessor or Collectoꝝ, of, or for any part of the sayde Subsidies, in any place or places out of the said city, borough, or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayd authoritie enacted, that if any inhabitants or officers, or whatsoeuer person or persons charged to and for the collection & receipt of any part or portion of the sayde Subsidies, by any maner of meanes according to this Acte: Or any person or persons for themselves, or as Keeper, Gardian, Deputie, Factor or Attorney, of, or for any other person or persons, of any goods & chattels of the owner thereof, at the time of the said assessing to be paid, being out of this Realme or in any other parts not knownen, or of and for the goods and chattels of any other person or persons of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Mysterie, or other whatsoever Communitie being Corporate or not corporate, and all persons hauing in their rule, gouernance, and custodie any Goods or Chattels at the time of the sayd assessing, or any of them to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for himselfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernance or custodie of any Goods or chattels of any other person or persons, Corporation, Communitie, Fraternitie, Guild or Mystery, or any such other thing, or as Factor, Deputie or Attorney, of, or for any person, shall be taxed, rated, valued, and set to any summe or summes, by

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by reason of this Acte : And after the taxation, or assessing upon any such person or persons, as shall be charged with the receipt of the same, happen to die or depart from the place where hee was tared and set, or his Goods or Chattels bee so cloped, or in such priue and couert manner kept, as the sayd person or persons charged with the same, by Exceits or other writings from the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appointed by the sayd Commission, as is aforesayd, can, ne may leuie the same summe or summes comprised within the same Exceits, by distresse within the limits of their Collection as is aforesayd, or cannot sell such distresse or distresses, as bee taken for any of the sayde payments before the time limited to the high Collectour for his payment, to bee made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt. Then upon relation thereof, with due examination by the othe, or examinatio of such person or persons as shall be charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same before the said Commissioners or as many of them as by the sayd Commission shall be thereunto appoynted, where such person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, their goods and chattels, were set and tared, and upon plaine certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners as well of the dwelling place, names and summes of the sayd persons of whome the sayd summes cannot be leuied, and had as is aforesayd. Then as well the Constables and other inhabitants appoynted for the same particular collection, against the high Collectours, as the high Collectour upon his accompt and othe in the sayde Exchequer to bee discharged thereof, and proceste to bee made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the sayd Exchequer by the discretion of the Barons of the sayd Exchequer, against such person, his heires or executors, so being behinde with his payment. And ouer that the same Commissioners, to whom any such declaration of the premises shall be made in forme aforesayd, from time to time, shall haue full power and authoritie to direct their precept or precepts vnto the sayd person or persons charged with any summe, of, for and upon any such person and persons or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sherife, Ste ward, Bailiffe, or other whatsoever Officer, Minister, person or persons of such place or places, where any such person or persons so owing such summe or summes, shall haue Lands and Tenements or other hereditaments, or reall possessions, goods and chattels, whereby any such person or persons so indebted, his heires, executors or assignes, or other hauing the custodie, gouernance or disposition of any goods, chattels, Landes, or Tenements or other hereditaments,

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ments, which ought or may by this Acte, lawfully bee distreined or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goods, chattels, landes, tenements or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes which by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, bee it within the limits of such Commission, where such person or persons was or were taxed, or without in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, Marches or Territories, by which precept, aswell such person or persons shall bee charged to leuie such money as the Officer of the place or places where such distresse may bee taken, shall haue full power and authoritie to distreine euery such person indebted, charged or chargeable, by this Acte, or his executors, or administrators of his goods and chattels, his Gardians, Factors, Deputies, Leases, farmers and Assignes, and all other persons by whose hands or out of whose lands any such person should haue fee, rent, annuities or other profite, or which at the time of the sayd assessement, shall haue goods or chattels, or any other thing moveable of any such person or persons, being indebted or owing such summe, and the distresses so taken cause to be kept, appreyled and solde in like manner and forme as is aforesaide, for the distresse to be taken vpon such persons to be taxed to the saide subsidies, & being sufficient to distreine with the limits of the Collectors, inhabitants or other officers charged with or for the said summes so vpon them to be taxed. And if any such distresse for non payment happen to be taken out of the limit of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same persons so charged to the leuie of any such summes by distresse, shall perceiue and take of the same distresse, for the labor of euery person going for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so labourerth for the same, two pence. And euery farmer, Tenant, Gardian, Factor or other whatsoever person, being distreined, or otherwise charged for paymēt of any such summe or summes, or any other summe by reason of this Acte, shall be of such summe or summes of him or them so leuied and taken, discharged and acquitted at his next day of payment of the same, or at the deliuey of such goods and chattels as he that is so distreined, had in his custodie of gouernance, against him or them that shall be so taxed and set, any graunt or writing Obligatorie, or other whatsoever matter to the contrary made heretofore notwithstanding.

And if any such person that should be so distreined, haue no lands or tenements sufficient, whereby hee and his Tenants and farmers may be distreined, or haue aliened, eloynd or

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bidde his goods and chattels, whereby hee should or might bee distreined, in such manner that such goods and chattels should not be knowen or found, so that the summe of or by him to be payde in the sayd fourme, shall not ne can bee conveniently leuied, then vpon relation thereof to the Commissioners, or to as many of them as by the sayd Commission shall be thereunto appointed, where such person or persons was tared and set by the othes of him or them that shall be charged with the leuying and payment of that summe or summes: The same Commissioners shall make a precept in such manner as is aforesayd, for to attach, take and arrest the body of such person or persons that ought to pay the sayd summes: And by this Acte shall be charged with and for the sayd summe and summes, and them so taken, safely to keepe in prison within the Shyre or other place, where any such person or persons shall bee taken and attached, there to remaine without Bayle or mainpryse vntill he hath payd the sayd Summe or Summes, that such person for himselfe or for any other by this Acte, shall bee chargeable or ought to bee charged withall, and also for the fees of euery such arrest, to him or them that shall execute such precept, twenty pence: And that euery Officer vnto whom such precept shall be directed, doe his true diligence, and execute the same vpon euery person so being indebted, vpon payne to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie for euery default in that behalfe twentie shillings: And that no keeper of any goale, from his goale suffer any such person to goe at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwise to depart out of his prison, before he haue payde his said debt, and the sayd twentie pence for the sayd arrest, vpon payne to forfeite to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shillings: And the same Gaoler to pay to the Queenes Maiestie the double value, as well of the rate, which the sayd person so imprisoned was tared at, as of the sayd twentie pence for the fees: And like processe and remedie in like forme shall be graunted by the sayd commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde Commission shall be thereunto appointed, at like information of euery person or persons being charged with any summe of money for any other person or persons by reason of the sayde Subsidies, and not thereof payde, but wilfully withdrauene, nor the same leuiable within the limits where such persons were thereunto tared. And if the summe or summes being behinde vnpayde by any person or persons as is aforesayde, be leuied and gathered by force of the sayde processe to be made by the sayd Commissioners, or if in default or for lacke of payment thereof, the person or persons so owing the said summe

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of summes of money, by processe of the same Commissions to be made as is aforesaid, be committed to prison in forme abovesayde, that then the sayde Commissioners, which shall awarde such processe, shall make certificate thereof in the saide Erchequer of that shall bee done in the premisles, in the terme next following after such summe or summes of money, so being bounde shall bee leuied and gathered, or such person or persons for non payment of the same, committed to prison. And if it happen any of the sayde Collectours to bee assigned, or any Ma:ris, Sheriffes, Stewardes, Constables, the Headborough, Burholder, Bayliffe, or any other Officer or Minister, or other whatsoever person or persons, to disobey the sayde Commissioners, or any of them in the reasonable request to them made by the sayd Commissioners, for the execution of the sayde Commission, or if any of the Officers or other persons doe refuse that to them shall appertaine and belong to doe, by reason of any precept to him or them to bee directed, or any reasonable commandement, instance or request touching the premisles, or other default in any apparance or collection to make, or if any person being suspected not to bee indifferently taxed as is aforesayde, doe refuse to bee examined according to the tenor of this Act before the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be thereunto assigned, as is aforesayd, or will not appeare before the same Commissioners, upon warning to him made, or else make resistance or rescous upon any distresse upon him to bee taken for any parcell of the sayd Subsidies, or commit any misbehaviour in any maner of wise contrary to this Act, or commit any wilfull omission or other whatsoever wilfull doing or misdoing contrary to the tenour of this Act or Grant: The same Commissioners, & every number of them aboue remembered, or two of them at the least, upon probable knowledge of any such misdemeanors had by information or examination, shall and may set upon every such offender for every such offence in the name of a fine, by the same offender to be forfeited, forty shillings or vnder, by discretion of the same Commissioners: And further, the same Commissioners, and every number of them, or two of them at the least, shall haue authority by this present Acte, to punish every such offender by imprisonment, there to remaine, and to be deliuered by their discretion, as shall seeme to them conuenient, the said fines, if any such be, to be certified by the sayd Commissioners that so assessed the same, into the Queenes Maiesties sayd Erchequer, there to be leuied and payed by the Collectours of that part for the sayd Subsidies returned into the sayd Erchequer, to be therewith charged with the

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the payment of the sayd Subsidies, in such maner as if the said fines had bene set and taxed vpon the sayd offenders for the sayd Subsidies.

And it is also enacted by the saide authoritie of this present Parliament, that euery of the sayde high Collectors, which shall accompt for any part of the sayd Subsidies in the sayde Exchequer vpon their seuerall accompts to bee yeelded, shall bee allowed at euery of the sayde payments of the sayde Subsidies, for euery pound limited to his collection, whereof any such Collector shall bee charged and yeelde accompt, six pence, as parcell of their charge, that is to say, of euery pound thereof, for such persons as then haue had the particular Collection of the Townes and other places as is aforesayde, specified in his Collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pound thereof, euery of the sayd chiefe Collectors or their accomptants to retayne to their owne vse, for their labour and charge in and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pound residue, to be deliuered, allowed and payde, by the sayde Collector so being thereof allowed, to such of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour for and about the premisses: That is to say, Euery Collector to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners which had the ordering of the writings of and for euery of the sayde Subsidies, where the sayd Collector or Collectors had their collection, for the expenses for the sayd Commissioners, so taking vpon them the sayde businesse and labour of their Clarke's writing the said precepts and extracts of the sayd collections, the same last two pence of euery pound to be diuided amongst the sayd Commissioners, hauing regard to their labour & businesse taken by them and their sayd Clarke's, in and about the premisses, for which part, for the sayd Commissioners appertaining, the said Commissioners, six, five, four, three, or two, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appointed by the Queenes Maiesties Commission, and euery of them, ioyntly and seuerally, for his and their sayd part, may haue his remedy against the sayd Collector or Collectors, which thereof beene or might haue bene allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendant shall not wage his Law, neither protection, neither inunction or escoine shalbe allowed.

And that no person now being of the number of the company of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner shall be named or assigned to be any Collectour, or Subcollectour or Presentour of the saide Subsidies, or any part thereof, nor any Commissioners shall bee compelled to make any presentment or certificate other then into the Queenes Maiesties

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Majesties sayd Exchequer, of, for or concerning the sayd Subsidies, or any part or parcell thereof. And likewise that no other person that shall bee named and assigned to be Commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of this Act of Subsidies, be or shall be assigned or named head Collector of any of the payments of the sayd Subsidies, neither of any part thereof.

And that every such person or persons which shall be named and appoynted as is aforesayde, to bee head Collectors of and for the payment of the sayd first Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not bee compelled to bee Collectour for the sayd second Subsidie, nor for any part thereof. And he that shall be named or appointed as aforesayd, to be Collector for the payment of the sayd second Subsidie, or of any part thereof, shall not bee compelled to bee the Collectour for the payment of the sayde third Subsidie, nor of any part thereof. And the sayd Collectors which shall be assigned for the collection of the sayd three Subsidies, or for any part thereof and every of them, be and shall be acquitted and discharged of all maner fees, Rewardes and of every other charges in the Queenes Majesties Exchequer, or elsewhere, of them or any of them, by reason of that collection, payment or accounts, or any thing concerning the same to be asked. And that if any person, receive or take any fees, Rewardes or pleasures, of any such accomptant, or use any unnecessary delay in their account, that then he shall forfeite to the Queenes Majestie for every penie or value of every peny or peny worth so taken, five shillings, and five poundes to the partie grieved, for every such delay, and suffer imprisonment at the Queenes Majesties pleasure. And after every taxing and assessing of the sayd severall Subsidies (as is aforesayd) had or made, and the sayd extracts thereof in Parchment, vnto the Collector in maner and forme befoze rehearsed, deliuered: The sayd Commissioners which shall take vpon them the execution of this Acte within the limites of their Commission, by their agreements shall haue meetings together. At which meetings every of the sayd Commissioners, which then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any part of the sayde Commission, shall by himselfe or his sufficient Deputie, truly certifie and bring forth vnto the sayd Commissioners named in the sayde Commission, the certificate and presentment made befoze him, and such other Commissioners as were limited with him in one limite, so that the same certificate may bee accounted and cast with the other certificates of the other limites within the same Commission, and then the said Commissioners and every number

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ber of them, unto two at the least as is aforesaid, if any be in life, or their Executors or Administrators of their goods, if they then be dead, shall jointly and severally as they were divided within their limites, vnder their seales, by their discretion make one or severall writings Indented, containing in it, as well the names of the said Collectors by the Commissioners, for such collection and accounts in the Exchequer, and payment in the same receipt, deputed and assigned, as the grosse and severall summes, written unto every such Collectors to receive the sayd Subsidies, and also all fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures, if any such by reason of this Acte happen to be within the precinct and limite of their Commission, to be certified into the Queenes Maiesties sayd Exchequer, by the sayd Commissioners. In which writing or writings indented so to be certified, shall bee plainly declared and expessed the whole and entire summe or summes of þ sayd Subsidies, severally limited to the collection of the sayd Collectors severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes. So that none of the sayd Collectours so certified in the sayd Exchequer, shall be compelled there to account or to bee charged, but onely to and for the summes limited to his collection, and not to or for any summe limited to the collection of his fellow : But every of them shall be severally charged for their part limited to their collection. And if the sayd Commissioners ioyned in one Commission amongst themselves in that matter cannot agree, or if any of them be not ready, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commissioners, that then the sayd Commissioners may make severall Indentures in forme aforesayd of their severall limits or separations of Collectors within the limits of their Commission, vpon and in the Hundreds, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes or such other like Divisions, within the sayd severall limits of their Commission, as the places there shall require to be severed and divided, and as to the same Commissioners shall seeme good to make divisions of their limits or Collections, for the severall charges of the same Collectors, so that alway one Collectour shall be charged, and account for his part to him to be limited onely by himselfe, and not for any summe limited to the part of any of his fellowes : And the charges of every of the Collectours to bee set and certified severally vpon them. And every such Collectour vpon his account and payment of the summe of money limited within his Collection, to be severally by himselfe acquitted and discharged in the sayd Exchequer, without paying any manner fees or rewards to any person

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person or persons for the same, upon paine and penaltie last a-
foresayd, and not to be charged for any portion of any other
Collector: And if any Commissioner after he hath taken certi-
ficate of them, that as is aforesayd, shall be before any such
Commissioners examined, and the summes rated and set, and
the booke and writings thereof being in his hands, or if any
Collectour or other person charged with any receipt of any part
of the sayd Subsidies, or any other person taxed or otherwise by
this Acte charged with or for any parcell of the sayd Subsidies,
or with any other summe, fine, amercement, penaltie or other
forfeiture, happen to die before the Commissioners, Collec-
tours, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed,
accomplished, satisfied or sufficiently discharged that which
to every such person shall appertaine or belong to doe, accor-
ding to this Acte: then the executors and heires of every such
person, and all other Selled of any Lands and Tenements
that any such person being charged by this Acte, and deceasing
before hee be discharged thereof, or any other to his vse onely,
had of estate of inheritance at the time, that any such person
was named Commissioner, Collectour or otherwise charged
with or for any manner of thing to be done, satisfied or payd by
reason of this Acte, and all those that haue in their possessions
or hands, any goods, cattels, leases, or other things, that
were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death,
or any Landes or Tenements that were the same persons at
the time he was as is aforesayd charged by this Acte, shall be
by the same compelled, and charged to doe and accomplish in
every case, as the same person so being charged should haue
done, or might haue bene compelled to doe, if hee had bene in
plaine life, after such rate of the Lands and goods of the sayde
Commissioner or Collectour, as the partie shall haue in his
hands. And if the sayd Commissioners for causes reasonable
them moouing, shall thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one
certificate, as is aforesayd, then the sayd person or persons,
that shall first ioyne together, or he that shall first certifie the
sayd writing Indented (as is aforesayd) shall certifie all the
names of the Commissioners of that Commission, whereupon
such writing shall be there then to be certified, with diuision of
the Hundreds, wapentakes, wardes, Tithings and other pla-
ces, to and among such Commissioners of the same Commis-
sion, with the names of the same Commissioners, where such
separations and diuisions shall be with the grosse summes of
money, as well of and for the sayd Subsidies taxed or set, of
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places to him or them diuided or assigned, that shall so certifye the sayd first writting, as of the fines, amerciaments, penalties, and other forfeitures, if any happen to be within the same limits, whereof the same writings shall be certified. And after such writings Indented, which as is aforesayd shall be certified, and not containe in it the whole and full summes, set and taxed within the limits of the same Commission, the other Commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the sayd Subsidie shall certifye into the sayd Exchequer, by their writting or writings Indented, to be made as is aforesayd, the grosse and seuerall summes, set and taxed within the places to them limited, for euery of the sayd Subsidies, and other fines, Amerciaments, Penalties and forfeitures, with the names of the Hundreds, wards, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or else by their sayd writings Indented, to certifye at the same place, before the same day of payment, such reasonable causes for their excuses, why they may not make such certificate of and for the sayd Subsidies, fines, amerciaments, and other forfeitures growing or set by reason of the causes of their lets, or of their not certifying as is aforesayde, or else in default thereof, processe to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, against the sayd Commissioners, and of euery of them, not making certificate as is aforesayd, by the discretion of the Treasurer and Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Provided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Martin, called Stamford Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stamford in the South part of the water there called Wellands, which hereafter shall be contributory to the payment of these present Subsidies graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her Heires and Successours, shall be assessed, rated and taxed for the same, by such Commissioners which shall bee appoynted for the taxing, rating and selling of the same Subsidies within the Countie of Lincolne: and shall be for the same contributory, and pay the sayd Subsidies to the Collector or Collectors, which shall be assigned and appointed, for the leuying and gathering of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgeses of the said Borough and Towne of Stamford.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons having Tenors, Landes, Tenements, and other Hereditaments, chargeable to the payment of the sayde Subsidies graunted to the

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Queenes Maiestie by this Act, and also hauing spirituall possessions chargeable to her sayd Maiestie, by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme in their Conuocation, and ouer this, hauing substance in goods and cattels chargeable by this sayd Act, that then if any of the sayd person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed and taxed for the sayd manors, Landes and Tenements, and Spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged and taxed for his and their goods and cattels, that then he or they shall be onely charged by vertue of this Acte, for his and their sayd manors, Landes, Tenements, Hereditaments and Spirituall possessions, or only for his sayd goods and cattels, the best therof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them: Any thing in this Acte contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, that this graunt of Subsidies or any thing therein contained, in any wise extend not to charge the inhabitants dwelling in Ireland, Iernesey, and Gernesey, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Landes, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels, or other moueable substance, which the said inhabitants or dwellers or any others to their vse haue, within Ireland, Iernesey, and Gernesey, or in any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the sayd inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance and doing seruice to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie in Ireland, Iernesey and Gernesey, or in any of them: any thing in this present Act to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this present Acte of Subsidies, ne any thing therein contained, extend to any of the English inhabitants or residents in any of the countreys of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the Towne of Berwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, and the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, of, for, or concerning any Manors, Landes, Tenements or other possessions, goods, cattels or other moueable substance, which the same English inhabitants or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the sayd Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Berwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concerning any fees or wages, which any of the English inhabitants or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance or doing seruice to the Queenes Maiestie, for or within the sayde counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the

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Towne of Barwick, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tyne, or the Bishopricke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayde taxing, leuying, gathering or payment, but that the English inhabitants and residents, and euery of them of the said Counties, Bishopricke and Townes, and euery of them shall be of and from the sayd Subsidies, and euery parcell thereof onely for their Manors, Lands, Tenements, Fees, Wages, Goods and Chattels lying and being in the said Counties, Townes and Bishopricke, or any of them, utterly acquitted and discharged: any thing in this present Acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all Letters Patents graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble Progenitors, to any Cities, Boroughes, or Townes within this Realme, of any manner of liberties, Priuiledges or exemptions from the burthen and charge of any such graunts of Subsidies, which bee at this present time in force and baileable, shall remaine good and effectuell to the sayd Cities, Boroughes and Townes hereafter, according to the purports thereof, although the inhabitants of the same, and also the sayde Corporations, shall vpon the great and weightie considerations of the graunt aforesayd, before this graunt charged and contributorye, in like manner, forme and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, which be not in any wise Priuiledged, but by this Acte charged.

Provided alwayes, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no Orphane or Infant, within the age of xii. yeeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties Dominions, shall be charged to any payment of these Subsidies, for his or her goods and chattels to him or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this Acte contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that this Acte, nor any thing therein contained, shall extend to the goods or landes of any Colledge, Hall or Hostel within the Uniuersities of Oxford and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bishop Wickham, or to the goods or landes of the Colledge of Eaton next Windsor, or to the landes, Tenements, or reuenues onely assigned or appoynted for the sustentation and liuing of the poore Knights founded in the Castle or Colledge of Windsor by our late Soueraigne Lord King Henry the eight, or to any of the goods or chattels of the same Knights or any of them, or to the goods or landes of any common free Grammer Schoole within the Realme of Eng-

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land or sales, or to the goods of any Reader, Schoolemaster or Scholler, or any Graduate or Reliant or remaining for studie without fraude or couine within any of the sayd Uniuersities and Colledges or Townes of Cambridge and Oxford, or Suburbes of the same, or to any of them, or to any their seruants daily attending vpon any of them, nor to the goods of any Officer, Minister, Almshouses men, or seruants belonging to any of the sayd Uniuersities, Colledges, Halles, or Hostels, and dwelling and reliant within the sayd Uniuersities or either of them, or within either of the sayd townes of Cambridge and Oxford, and the Suburbs of the same, without fraud or couine, or to the goods and lands of any Hospitall, Maisondiu, or little house, prepared and bled for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people, Any thing in this Act conteined to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted, that the sayd grant of Subsidies or any thing therein conteined, do not in any wise extend or bee prejudiciall or hurtfull to any of the inhabitants or reliant having dwelt for the most part of the yeere next before the taxing and assessing of these Subsidies, as aforesayde, within the five Portes corporate, or to any their members incorporated, or vnited to the same five Ports, or to any of the sayd five Ports, but that such the inhabitants or reliant as aforesaid, in the said five Ports corporate, and their members, be and shall be of and from the sayd grant and payment of euery of the sayd Subsidies, and euery part thereof, and onely during such their reliance as aforesayd, and no longer, clearly discharged and acquitted, any matter or whatsoever thing in this present Act had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that the sayd grant of Subsidies and sixe pennes and Tenthys, do not in any wise extend or be prejudiciall or hurtfull to the English inhabitants or reliant at this present time within the liberties of Rumney Marsh, of, or for any part of the sayd summes graunted in this present Parliament, of the sayd English inhabitants nowe there reliant, or any of them to be taxed, set, asked, leuied or paid, but that the sayd English inhabitants, and nowe reliant of Rumney Marsh aforesayd, and euery of them bee, and shall be, of and from the sayd grant and payment of the sayd Subsidies a sixe fiftenees and Tenthys during their reliance there, and no longer acquitted and discharged, Any matter and whatsoever thing in this present Act made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided neuer thelesse, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that if any Alien or stranger borne, denizen or not denizen,

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denizen, and dwelling or inhabiting within this realme of England, shal assigne or convey over vnto any his or their child or children bozne within this sayd realme of England, any his or their lands, tenements, goods or chattels, to the intent thereby to defraud the Queenes Maiestie of her sayd Subsidies, or, or for the same, that then all and euery such child or children so being sold of any such lands and tenements, or possessed of any such goods or chattels, shall bee charged and chargeable to and with the payment of double the sayd Subsidies for the same lands, tenements, goods and chattels, at the sayd rates and values as aliens and strangers, denizens or not denizens are before limited and appoynted to pay.



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